

# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

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### Incident Information

URN: <b>9 2 0 - 0 5 7 1 5 - 1 4 7 8 - 1 4 5</b>		Date: <b>06/06/20</b>	Time: <b>0912 Hours</b>
Location: <b>South 7th Avenue - Motel 6</b>		City or Station: <b>Hacienda Heights</b>	
Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>East Patrol Division - Industry Station</b>		Admin. Investigation: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Type of Force: <b>OC Spray, Personal Weapons, Take Down, Control Holds</b>			
Incident Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3		Deputy Injury: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO    Suspect Injury: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Call		<input type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Detail <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit	
IAB Notified: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Person Notified: <b>Lt. David Grall</b> Emp: <b>[REDACTED]</b> IAB Roll Out: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	

### Involved Employee

<b>E1</b>	Employee #	Last Name	First Name		Middle I.	Rank
	[REDACTED]	<b>Sanchez</b>	<b>Robert</b>		<b>M</b>	<b>DSG</b>
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race: <b>H</b>	Height: <b>6'01"</b>	Weight: <b>180</b>	Age: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty				
Unit of Assignment: <b>Industry Station</b>			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>Unit 142A3</b>			
Individual Force Used: <b>OC Spray, Take Down, Personal Weapons, Control Holds</b>					<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist	
					Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted    Facility:					Coroner Case #	

<b>E2</b>	Employee #	Last Name	First Name		Middle I.	Rank
	[REDACTED]	<b>Nava</b>	<b>Juan</b>		<b>D.</b>	<b>DSG</b>
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race: <b>H</b>	Height: <b>5'06"</b>	Weight: <b>160</b>	Age: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty				
Unit of Assignment: <b>Industry Station</b>			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>Unit 142A3</b>			
Individual Force Used: <b>OC Spray, Personal Weapons, Control Holds</b>					<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist	
					Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted    Facility:					Coroner Case #	

<b>E</b>	Employee #	Last Name	First Name		Middle I.	Rank
	[REDACTED]					
Sex: <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM
		<input type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty				
Unit of Assignment:			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):			
Individual Force Used:					<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist	
					Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted    Facility:					Coroner Case #	

### On Duty Supervisor

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[REDACTED]	<b>Shackleford</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>Sgt.</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO

Supervisor Completing Investigation						
Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[REDACTED]	<b>Serrano</b>	<b>Louis</b>	<b>NMI</b>	<b>Sgt.</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant						
Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank		
[REDACTED]	<b>Grall</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>M.</b>	<b>Lt.</b>		

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's Signature: <b>DERYL T. WALKER II</b>	Date: <b>4/29/21</b>	Copy Provided to Employee by: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Emp #: <b>05/03/21</b>	Date:
Unit Commander (Print Name): <b>DERYL T. WALKER II</b>				
Unit Commander's Signature: <b>[Signature]</b>				
Emp #:				

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Original: Discovery Unit  
 Copy: Unit Commander

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## SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information									
Last Name <b>Sutton</b>		First Name <b>Earl</b>		Middle Name <b>Lorrell</b>		Armed? Select <b>Not Armed</b>			
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name					
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race: <b>B</b>	Age: <b>29</b>	Height: <b>5'11"</b>	Weight: <b>170</b>	D.O.B: <b>06/01/91</b>	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C		
Street Address:				City:		State & Zip Code:			
Booking #: <b>5949893</b>		Primary Charge Code: <b>243(b) PC</b>		Secondary Charge Code: <b>148(a) PC</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History			
Treated on Scene? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Name: <b>L.A. County Fire Dept.</b>		Unit: <b>Engine #91</b>		Phone #: <b>562-696-8850</b>			
Hospital Admission? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At: <b>Kaiser Permanente</b>		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
By: <b>Dr. Ross A. Cohen</b>		Address: <b>1011 Baldwin Park Blvd., Baldwin Park</b>		Phone #: <b>1-800-780-1277</b>					
Under Influence: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		Substance: <b>None</b>		5150 a factor in force? <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			

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Suspect Information									
Last Name <b>Johnson</b>		First Name <b>Cinzia</b>		Middle Name <b>Lashelle</b>		Armed? Select <b>Not Armed</b>			
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name					
Sex: <input type="radio"/> Male <input checked="" type="radio"/> Female	Race: <b>B</b>	Age: <b>32</b>	Height: <b>5'03"</b>	Weight: <b>190</b>	D.O.B: <b>07/27/87</b>	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C		
Street Address:				City:		State & Zip Code:			
Booking #: <b>5949882</b>		Primary Charge Code: <b>148(a) PC</b>		Secondary Charge Code:		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History			
Treated on Scene? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		By: <b>L.A. County Fire Dept.</b>		Unit: <b>Engine #91</b>		Phone #: <b>562-696-8850</b>			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At: <b>Queen of the Valley</b>		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
By: <b>Dr. Braeden Carrico</b>		Address: <b>1115 South Sunset Avenue, West Covina</b>		Phone #: <b>626-962-4011</b>					
Under Influence: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		Substance:		5150 a factor in force? <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			

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Suspect Information									
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Armed? Select			
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name					
Sex: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race:	Age:	Height:	Weight:	D.O.B:	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C		
Street Address:				City:		State & Zip Code:			
Booking #:		Primary Charge Code:		Secondary Charge Code:		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History			
Treated on Scene? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		By:		Unit:		Phone #:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At:		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
By:		Address:		Phone #:					
Under Influence: <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Substance:		5150 a factor in force? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			

Suspect Interview									
Date:	Time:	<input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape:	<input type="checkbox"/> Videotape:	<input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries:	<input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS				

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## EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses					
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
	Coberg	Michael	D.		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		Shift:	
Aero Bureau		Air 8		<input type="radio"/> EM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		Shift:	
				<input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		Shift:	
				<input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Non-Employee Witnesses					
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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## Method

(AW) Arwen	(FH) Firearm (Handgun)	(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(BC) Baton: (Control)	(FR) Firearm (Rifle)	(RS) Resistance
(BI) Baton: (Impact)	(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)	(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(BF) Bodily Fluids	(FO) Firearm (Other)	(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(CN) Canine	(FB) Flashbang	(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(CR) Carotid Restraint	(FL) Flashlight	(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(CH) Choke Hold	(OE) Other Weapon: Edged	(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)	(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle	(SP) Sap
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)	(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object	(SH) Shield
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)	(OO) Other Weapon: Other	(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(CE) Chemical	(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)	(SB) Sting Ball
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)	(ST) Stun Bag
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)	(TR) Taser
(EX) Explosives	(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)	(UC) Uncooperative
		(HR) High Risk

## Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion	(DB) Dog Bite	(PA) Paralysis
(BR) Bruise	(FR) Fractures	(PW) Puncture Wound
(BU) Burn	(GS) Gunshot	(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(CP) Complaint of Pain	(HB) Human Bite	(ST) Sprain/Twists
(CO) Concussion	(LC) Lacerations	(UN) Unconscious
(DH) Death	(ND) Nerve Damage	(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(DI) Dislocation	(OD) Organ Damage	(NN) NONE

## Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen	(FA) Face	(HI) Hip
(AK) Ankle	(FE) Feet	(IN) Internal
(AR) Arm	(FI) Fingers	(KN) Knees
(BK) Back	(GE) Genitals	(LE) Leg
(BT) Buttocks	(GR) Groin	(NK) Neck
(CH) Chest	(HD) Hands	(NO) Nose
(EL) Elbow	(HE) Head	(SH) Shoulder
		(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Sutton	S1	Sanchez	E1	HR	NN	
Sutton	S1	Nava	E2	HR	NN	
Sanchez	E1	Sutton	S1	CT	NN	WR
Sutton	S1	Sanchez	E1	RH	NN	WR
Nava	E2	Sutton	S1	CT	NN	WR
Sutton	S1	Nava	E2	RS	NN	
Sutton	S1	Nava	E2	OO	NN	LE
Johnson	S2	Sanchez	E1	UC	NN	
Johnson	S2	Nava	E2	UC	NN	
Johnson	S2	Sanchez	E1	PP	NN	CH
Sanchez	E1	Johnson	S2	PP	NN	CH
Sanchez	E1	Sutton	S1	TT	BR	BK
Sanchez	E1	Johnson	S2	CT	NN	AR
Johnson	S2	Sanchez	E1	RS	NN	
Sutton	S1	Nava	E2	RH	NN	WR
Sanchez	E1	Johnson	S2	OC	CP	FA
Sanchez	E1	Sutton	S1	OC	CP	FA
Nava	E2	Johnson	S2	OC	CP	FA
Nava	E2	Sutton	S1	OC	CP	FA
Johnson	S2	Sanchez	E1	RH	NN	AR
Sanchez	E1	Johnson	S2	PP	NN	CH
Nava	E2	Sutton	S1	PH	CP	NK
Nava	E2	Johnson	S2	PP	NN	CH
Sanchez	E1	Sutton	S1	PO	NN	AB
Sanchez	E1	Sutton	S1	PP	CP	AR

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

**INCIDENT:** Use of Force - Category 3 – Hospital Admission

**IAB FILE NUMBER:** FO 2510931

**URN#:** 920-05715-1478-145

**DATE/TIME:** June 6, 2020 / 0912 Hours

**LOCATION:** Motel 6 - [REDACTED] South 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

**SYNOPSIS**

On June 6, 2020, at approximately 0912 hours, deputies from Industry Station were involved in a use of force, at Motel 6, in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights. Suspects Earl Sutton (Suspect Sutton) and Cinzia Johnson (Suspect Johnson) were treated at the scene by Fire Department personnel. Suspect Sutton was transported by deputy personnel to Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center for further medical evaluation. Suspect Johnson was transported by CARE ambulance to Emanate Health Queen of the Valley Hospital for an approval to book.

At approximately 1630 hours, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force/Shooting Response Team comprised of Lieutenant David Grall, # [REDACTED] Sergeant Louis Serrano, # [REDACTED] and Sergeant Connie Delgado, # [REDACTED] responded to Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center, regarding the use of force, which resulted in the hospitalization of Suspect Sutton.

All reports documenting this incident were submitted with this casebook under Uniform Report Number (URN) 920-05715-1478-145 [EXHIBIT A].

**SUMMARY**

On June 6, 2020, at approximately 0854 hours, Industry Station deputies responded to Motel 6, located at [REDACTED] South 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights, regarding a "Disturbance" call for service (IDT20158-0076) [MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS].

**IAB Note:** A male caller, identified as "[REDACTED]" reported a male, Black, was arguing with a female, Black. The caller stated the male hit the female. The male placed a second call, stating the female was hitting the male. The phone calls were audio recorded [EXHIBIT B - PHONE CALLS].

The call was dispatched as a priority call for service. Deputies Sanchez and Nava (Unit 142A3) were assigned to handle the call. Deputy Dusky (Unit 141K3) was assigned to assist. Deputies Sanchez and Nava had prior knowledge Motel 6 housed individuals experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**IAB Note:** During the time of the incident, Motel 6 participated in "Project Roomkey." Project Roomkey was a collaborative effort by the State, County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to secure hotel and motel rooms for vulnerable people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deputy Sanchez was the driver and Deputy Nava was the passenger. While enroute to the location, Deputy Nava attempted to coordinate a response to the call over the Local Tactical (L-Tac) radio channel. During that time, the call was updated which indicated the female was naked and hitting the male. Deputies Sanchez and Nava responded to the location because an assault was in progress.

Upon arrival, Deputies Sanchez and Nava were flagged down by an unidentified security guard. The security guard pointed to a male, Black (later identified as Suspect Sutton), who was standing alone in the parking lot. The security guard told Deputy Nava that Suspect Sutton hit a female (later identified as Suspect Johnson). Deputies Sanchez and Nava believed the call was, in fact, a domestic violence incident.

Deputies Sanchez and Nava developed a tactical plan prior to contacting Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez was assigned to contact Suspect Sutton while Deputy Nava provided cover. Due to the nature of the call, coupled with an assault in progress, Deputies Sanchez and Nava planned to detain Suspect Sutton as a felony suspect, pending a domestic violence investigation. As Deputies Sanchez and Nava drove toward Suspect Sutton, they noticed he was wearing baggy clothing and had a backpack. Suspect Sutton was holding onto a stroller, which contained bags of unknown items. Deputy Sanchez parked his patrol vehicle in front of Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez approached the suspect from the left while Deputy Nava approached from the right.

Deputy Sanchez contacted Suspect Sutton and asked him what was going on. Suspect Sutton replied, "Nothing." Deputy Sanchez explained to Suspect Sutton

someone reported he assaulted a female. Deputies Sanchez and Nava attempted to detain Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez used his right hand and placed a firm grip on Suspect Sutton's right wrist to prevent him from reaching for any weapons. As Deputy Sanchez attempted to lift Suspect Sutton's hand from the stroller, he (Suspect Sutton) immediately tensed his upper body. Suspect Sutton tightened his grip on the handle, preventing Deputy Sanchez from removing the stroller from his grasp. Deputy Sanchez maintained a hold of Suspect Sutton's right wrist to prevent him from fleeing or reaching for weapons.

Deputy Sanchez told Suspect Sutton someone reported he was involved in a physical altercation with a female. Deputy Sanchez informed Suspect Sutton he (Deputy Sanchez) was going to conduct a pat-down search. Deputies Sanchez and Nava gave Suspect Sutton verbal commands to release the stroller and to place both of his hands behind his back. Suspect Sutton maintained a hold of the stroller with his left hand. Deputy Sanchez tried to remove Suspect Sutton's hand from the stroller; however, he maintained his grip on the handle.

Deputy Nava tried to push the stroller away from Suspect Sutton. Suspect Sutton tightened his grip on the stroller and moved it toward Deputy Nava. Deputy Nava used his right hand and placed a grip on Suspect Sutton's left wrist. Suspect Sutton tensed his body and pushed the stroller into Deputy Nava, striking his leg. Deputy Nava used his left hand and placed a grip on Suspect Sutton's left wrist. Deputy Nava used his right hand to place a handcuff on Suspect Sutton's left wrist.

Suspect Johnson approached as Deputies Sanchez and Nava were attempting to handcuff Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson demanded Deputies Sanchez and Nava release Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson stated she was responsible for assaulting Suspect Sutton. Deputies Sanchez and Nava ordered Suspect Johnson to back away; however, she did not comply. Suspect Johnson intervened and pushed Deputy Sanchez. Suspect Johnson placed herself between Deputy Sanchez and Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson wrapped her arms around Suspect Sutton and held onto him.

Deputy Sanchez ordered Suspect Johnson to release her hold of Suspect Sutton and to step away. Suspect Johnson refused to comply with the orders. Deputy Sanchez pushed Suspect Johnson away from Suspect Sutton. Suspect Sutton continued to move his upper body from side to side. Deputy Sanchez grabbed Suspect Sutton by his backpack and pulled him down to the ground. Suspect Sutton fell to a seated position and Suspect Johnson landed on top of him.

Once on the ground, Deputy Nava broadcasted emergency radio traffic he and his partner were involved in a fight. Unit Air 8, Pilot Deputy Weinmann, and Tactical Flight Deputy Coberg arrived soon after, and provided air support. Deputy Sanchez tried to pull Suspect Johnson away from Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson maintained her hold of Suspect Sutton. Deputy Nava tried to

pull Suspect Sutton's left arm away from the stroller. Suspect Sutton maintained his grip on the stroller handle with his left hand. Suspect Johnson placed herself on top of Suspect Sutton and wrapped her arms around his waist.

Deputy Sanchez gave Suspect Sutton several verbal commands to release the stroller. Deputy Sanchez repeatedly ordered Suspect Johnson to release her hold of Suspect Sutton. Deputy Nava gave verbal commands to Suspects Sutton and Johnson to stop resisting and to place their hands behind their backs. Suspects Sutton and Johnson refused to comply. Deputy Sanchez warned Suspects Sutton and Johnson three times they would be sprayed with Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) if they did not comply. Suspects Sutton and Johnson continued their resistive behavior.

Deputies Sanchez and Nava employed Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray against both suspects to gain control and compliance. Deputies Sanchez and Nava accidentally sprayed themselves in the face. The exposure to the OC caused Deputies Sanchez and Nava to have temporarily blurred vision. Shortly thereafter, Suspect Johnson released her hold of Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez handcuffed Suspect Johnson, while she laid face down on the ground. Suspect Sutton maintained a hold of the stroller from a seated position. Deputy Nava grabbed a hold of Suspect Sutton's left wrist, which had one handcuff attached. Deputy Nava feared Suspect Sutton was going to use the "dangling" handcuff as a weapon. Suspect Sutton pushed against Deputy Nava as he (Suspect Sutton) maintained his hold of the stroller.

Suspect Johnson returned as Deputies Sanchez and Nava struggled to handcuff Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez pushed Suspect Johnson away. Deputy Sanchez positioned himself in front of Suspect Sutton's stroller and pulled it away from his grasp. While in position behind Suspect Sutton, Deputy Nava placed his left forearm on the back of Suspect Sutton's head and neck area. Deputy Nava pushed down on his left forearm and attempted to guide Suspect Sutton onto his stomach.

Suspect Johnson returned a short time later and approached the deputies. Deputy Nava pushed Suspect Johnson away and placed her on the ground in a seated position. During this time, Deputy Sanchez gave Suspect Sutton verbal commands to lie face down on the ground. Suspect Sutton refused to comply with the commands. Suspect Sutton pushed against Deputy Sanchez and attempted to stand up from a seated position. Deputy Sanchez feared Suspect Sutton was attempting to escape or arm himself with a weapon. Because Suspect Sutton had not been searched for weapons, and possibly trying to retrieve a weapon, Deputy Sanchez delivered a right knee strike to his left ribcage area. The knee strike had minimal effect and Suspect Sutton remained seated. Deputy Sanchez grabbed Suspect Sutton by his right arm and pushed him to the ground. Once on the ground, Deputies Sanchez and Nava handcuffed Suspect Sutton without further incident.



Suspects Sutton and Johnson were treated at the scene for OC exposure by paramedics assigned to the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Engine #91, under the direction of Captain Davis. Deputies Essandoh and Bray (Unit 147) transported Suspect Sutton to Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center for further medical evaluation. Suspect Sutton was treated by Dr. Cohen. Suspect Sutton suffered a possible brain bleed, which required further medical evaluation and hospitalization. Suspect Sutton was subsequently admitted to the hospital. Suspect Sutton was released on citation.

Emergency Medical Technicians Torres and Nguyen transported Suspect Johnson by CARE ambulance to Emanate Health Queen of the Valley Hospital for a clearance to be booked. Dr. Carrico treated and medically cleared Suspect Johnson for booking. Suspect Johnson was transported and booked at Industry Station. Suspect Johnson was subsequently released on citation.

#### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY**

**Robert M. Sanchez**, Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
East Patrol Division  
Industry Station

#### **Work History**

Date of Employment:	December 4, 2014
Date Assigned to Industry Station:	November 18, 2018
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[REDACTED]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):	[REDACTED]

#### **Equipment Worn On Person**

Duty Belt  
Firearm - Glock 19X, 9mm  
Double magazine pouch carrier with two magazines  
Radio Holder  
Portable Radio  
Handcuffs (Two sets)  
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray  
Miniature Flashlight  
Pocket Knife

#### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY**

**Juan D. Nava**, Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
East Patrol Division  
Industry Station

## **Work History**

Date of Employment: July 21, 2016  
Date Assigned to Industry Station: September 22, 2019  
Date Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

## **Equipment Worn On Person**

Duty Belt  
Firearm - Smith & Wesson M&P, 9mm  
Double magazine pouch carrier with two magazines  
Radio Holder  
Portable Radio  
Handcuffs (Two sets)  
Expandable Baton  
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray  
Taser  
Flashlight  
Retractable Knife

## **DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES**

Deputies Sanchez and Nava were exposed to OC spray. They were treated on scene by Fire Department personnel, and they did not seek additional medical treatment. There were no reported injuries to deputy personnel.

## **SUSPECTS INFORMATION**

### **Earl Lorrel Sutton**

Male, Black, DOB: June 1, 1991, 5'11", 170 lbs.  
Transient - [REDACTED]

**Criminal History:** FBI: [REDACTED] Ohio State ID Number: [REDACTED]

**IAB Note:** A copy of Suspect Sutton's Los Angeles County [REDACTED] was submitted with this casebook [MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS].

### **Cinzia Lashelle Johnson**

Female, Black, DOB: July 27, 1987, 5'03", 190 lbs.  
Transient - [REDACTED]

**Criminal History:** CII: [REDACTED] MAIN: [REDACTED] FBI: [REDACTED]

**IAB Note:** A copy of Suspect Johnson's Los Angeles County [REDACTED] was submitted with this casebook [MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS].

### **SUSPECTS' INJURIES**

Deputies Essandoh and Bray (Unit 147) transported Suspect Sutton to Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center. Suspect Sutton was treated by Dr. Cohen. Suspect Sutton suffered a possible brain bleed, which required further medical evaluation and hospitalization. Suspect Sutton was subsequently admitted to the hospital.

On June 6, 2020, at approximately 1648 hours, IAB investigators responded to the hospital and contacted Suspect Sutton. Suspect Sutton complained of pain to his head and his neck. Suspect Sutton suffered scratches to his arms and right finger. Suspect Sutton suffered bruises to his right shoulder and right knee. IAB investigators took photos of Suspect Sutton's injuries [EXHIBIT C - SERGEANT SERRANO/PHOTOGRAPHS/SUSPECT SUTTON].

Dr. Cohen told IAB investigators Suspect Sutton may have suffered a brain bleed. Dr. Cohen formed the opinion Suspect Sutton's injury was possibly caused by blunt trauma to his head. Dr. Cohen was unable to attribute the onset of Suspect Sutton's injury to a specific activity or event. Dr. Cohen stated Suspect Sutton suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) in the past. On June 7, 2020, Suspect Sutton was discharged from the hospital.

**IAB Note:** IAB investigators obtained a Medical Information Release Authorization form, signed by Suspect Sutton [MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS]. A copy of Suspect Sutton's medical records was submitted with this casebook [EXHIBIT D].

Emergency medical technicians transported Suspect Johnson by CARE ambulance to Emanate Health Queen of the Valley Hospital for a clearance to be booked. Dr. Carrico treated and medically cleared Suspect Johnson for booking.

On June 6, 2020, at approximately 1837 hours, IAB investigators responded to Industry Station jail and contacted Suspect Johnson. Suspect Johnson complained of pain to her head. Suspect Johnson suffered bruises to her legs. IAB investigators took photos of Suspect Johnson's injuries [EXHIBIT C - SERGEANT SERRANO/PHOTOGRAPHS/SUSPECT JOHNSON].

**IAB Note:** IAB investigators obtained a Medical Information Release Authorization form, signed by Suspect Johnson [MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS]. A copy of Suspect

Johnsons medical records was submitted with this casebook  
[EXHIBIT E].

### **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

There was no physical evidence related to this incident.

### **INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS**

IAB investigators did not immediately respond to this incident. Initially, Sergeant Shackelford was responsible for investigating the use of force. Once it was determined Suspect Sutton was hospitalized, IAB investigators were assigned to conduct the force review.

Sergeants Itani and Ha were the first supervisors on scene. Sergeant Itani photographed the scene of the incident [EXHIBIT C - SERGEANT ITANI/PHOTOGRAPHS]. Sergeant Itani canvassed the area for witnesses. Sergeant Itani interviewed Witnesses [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. The interviews were video recorded and transcribed [EXHIBIT C - SERGEANT ITANI/VIDEOS 1 - 4].

### **WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL**

Deputies Sanchez and Nava each employed Oleoresin Capsicum spray (OC) against Suspects Sutton and Johnson.

### **WEAPON USED BY SUSPECTS SUTTON AND/OR JOHNSON**

None.

### **PROPERTY DAMAGE**

None.

### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND CHARGES FILED**

**INVESTIGATOR:** Industry Station Detective Yarralsira Castanon, # [REDACTED]

**COURT:** Superior Court of California, El Monte Courthouse,  
11234 East Valley Boulevard, El Monte, CA 91731

### **CHARGES:**

On September 2, 2020, the District Attorney's Office filed two (2) counts of Resisting an Officer, 148(a)(1) PC, against Suspects Sutton and Johnson,

Court Case Number 0EM04049, related to URN 920-05715-1478-145  
**(MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS).**

On October 6, 2020, Suspect Sutton failed to appear at El Monte Courthouse and a bench warrant was issued in the amount of \$10,000.00 (Warrant Number ELM0EM0404901). On December 17, 2020, both counts against Suspect Johnson were dismissed in furtherance of justice, per 1835 PC  
**(MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS).**

### **LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The incident occurred outside during daylight hours and the weather was clear.

### **RADIO TRANSMISSIONS**

Deputy personnel utilized Dispatch 8 and L-Tac frequencies during the incident. IAB investigators obtained the radio transmissions **[EXHIBIT B - RADIO TRANSMISSIONS]**. IAB investigators reviewed the radio traffic and noted the following:

#### **Dispatch 8: June 6, 2020**

<b>Displayed Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
00:48	Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) voiced a priority call to Units 142A3 and 141K3. SCC provided details related to the disturbance at the Motel 6 (Incident number IDT20158-0076).
01:11	Unit 142A3 acknowledged the call for service and requested responding units to switch radio frequency to L-Tac.
01:41	SCC updated the call, indicating the female was naked and was hitting the male.
01:54	Unit 142A3 acknowledged the update.
02:23	Unit 142A3 advised they were Code 6 (Out for Investigation).
03:27	Unit 142A3 requested additional units to respond to their location.
03:56	SCC repeatedly asked Unit 142A3 if they needed units to respond Code-3 or back-up only.

04:14 After receiving no response from 142A3, SCC asked IDT units to respond Code-3.

04:39 SCC asked 142A3 to advise their status.

04:50 SCC asked if the airship was monitoring the frequency.

04:53 Unit 140S advised he was responding Code-3.

05:26 Unit 142A3 requested additional units to respond to the Motel 6.

05:38 SCC asked 142A3 the reason why they requested additional units.

06:02 SCC asked if the airship was monitoring the frequency. Air-8 advised they were arriving overhead.

06:10 Air-8 advised they had the deputies in their sight.

06:21 Air-8 advised the deputies appeared to be helping someone in a wheelchair.

06:37 Air-8 requested additional units to respond Code-3 due an uncooperative female.

06:59 Air-8 advised it appeared deputies were involved in a fight in the parking lot.

07:21 Air-8 advised a crowd was starting to form.

07:47 Air-8 advised it appeared deputies had one male detained and they were engaged with a female.

07:55 SCC advised the fire department was staging.

08:15 Unit 140S advised he was 10-97 (Arrived at Scene).

08:23 Air-8 advised approximately six (6) units were Code-6.

09:45 Unit 149N2 advised the situation was Code 4 (No further assistance needed) and they were detaining two individuals.

10:04 SCC asked if 902R (Rescue Responding) was needed at the scene for the deputy or for the suspect.

10:30	Unit 149N2 advised they needed 902R for deputies and suspects.
10:34	SCC advised the fire department was notified to respond to the scene.

**L-Tac: June 6, 2020**

<b>Displayed Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
00:14	Unit 142A3 requested units responding to the 415 call to 911B (Contact Officer) at the Denny's.
01:45	Unit 142A3 asked Unit 141K3 if she was monitoring L-Tac.
02:10	Unit 142A3 asked Unit 141K3 if she was monitoring L-Tac.

**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE**

The incident was captured on video by exterior security cameras located at Motel 6. IAB investigators obtained the video footage; however, it did not contain audio **[EXHIBIT C - VIDEOS]**. IAB investigators reviewed the video footage that encompassed four (4) cameras and noted the following:

██████████ was positioned on the ██████████ floor, above room ██████████ and faced south.

██████████ was positioned on the ██████████ floor, above rooms ██████████ and ██████████ and faced north.

██████████ was positioned on the ██████████ floor, above rooms ██████████ and ██████████ and faced north-east.

██████████ was positioned on the ██████████ floor, above the ██████████ and faced south.

<b>Video Time Displayed</b>	<b>Camera</b>	<b>Video</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>
09:01:21	1	1-1	Suspects Sutton and Johnson appeared to be involved in a physical altercation. Suspect Johnson struck Suspect Sutton's face with her right hand.

09:04:16	1	1-1	Suspect Johnson struck Suspect Sutton's face with her right hand.
09:05:12	1	1-1	Suspect Johnson removed an unknown item from Suspect Sutton's stroller. Suspects Johnson and Sutton struggled over control of the item.
09:05:26	1	1-1	Suspect Johnson appeared to strike Suspect Sutton's face with her left hand.
09:11:27	1 2 3 4	1-1 2-1 3-1 4-2	Deputies Sanchez and Nava arrived at the scene and contacted Suspect Sutton, who was holding onto a stroller with his left hand.
09:11:34	1 2	1-1 2-1	Deputies Sanchez and Nava appeared to grab a hold of Suspect Sutton's wrists.
09:11:40	1 2 3	1-1 2-1 3-1	Suspect Johnson approached the deputies and appeared to intervene.
09:12:26	1 2 3	1-1 2-1 3-1	Deputies Sanchez and Nava appeared to struggle to control Suspect Sutton.
09:12:28	1 2 3	1-1 2-1 3-1	Suspect Johnson appeared to place herself between Deputy Sanchez and Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez pushed Suspect Johnson away and took Suspect Sutton to the ground.
09:12:33	1 2	1-1 2-1	Suspect Johnson placed herself on top of Suspect Sutton.
09:12:38	1 2	1-1 2-1	Deputies Sanchez and Nava struggled to control Suspects Sutton and Johnson.
09:12:50	1 2	1-1 2-1	Deputy Sanchez attempted to pull Suspect Johnson away from Suspect Sutton. Deputy Nava tried to pull the stroller away from Suspect Sutton's grasp.



09:13:14	1 2	1-1 2-1	Deputy Sanchez appeared to suffer effects of OC spray.
09:13:19	1 2 3	1-1 2-1 3-1	While on the ground, Suspects Sutton and Johnson appeared to flail their arms and legs.
09:13:35	1 2	1-1 2-1	Deputy Sanchez placed his left knee on Suspect Johnson's back. Deputy Sanchez handcuffed Suspect Johnson as Deputy Nava attempted to control Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson laid face down on the ground.
09:14:32	1 2	1-1 2-1	Suspect Johnson returned, while handcuffed, and placed herself near the deputies and Suspect Sutton.
09:14:46	1 2 3	1-1 2-1 3-1	Deputy Sanchez pushed Suspect Johnson away.
09:14:55	1 2	1-1 2-1	Deputy Sanchez removed the stroller from Suspect Sutton's grasp. Suspect Sutton remained on the ground in a seated position. Deputy Nava appeared to place his left forearm behind Suspect Sutton's neck. Suspect Johnson approached the deputies and appeared to intervene.
09:15:20	1 2 3	1-1 2-1 3-1	Deputy Nava pushed Suspect Johnson away and placed her on the ground.
09:16:14	1 2 3	1-1 2-1 3-1	Both suspects were detained without further incident.
09:16:17	1 2 3 4		Additional deputy personal arrived on scene.
09:17:37	2 3	2-1 3-1	Deputies placed Suspect Sutton in the back seat of a patrol vehicle.

## **STATEMENTS**

*The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.*

### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY ROBERT SANCHEZ**

On October 27, 2020, IAB Sergeants Louis Serrano and Luan Dang interviewed Deputy Sanchez at the Internal Affairs Bureau Office, in the City of Commerce. Attorney Amy Johnson, from Rains Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC, attended the interview and represented Deputy Sanchez.

During the interview, IAB investigators read Deputy Sanchez the Department's Video Advisement form and provided him the opportunity to review video footage from Motel 6 video surveillance system.

On June 6, 2020, Deputy Sanchez was assigned to Industry Station on day shift, as Unit 142A3. Deputy Sanchez was assigned to a uniformed position and he was working patrol in a marked police vehicle. Deputy Sanchez worked with a partner, Deputy Nava. Deputy Sanchez was driving and Deputy Nava was the passenger. Deputies Sanchez and Nava responded to Motel 6 regarding a "Disturbance" call. The call was dispatched as a priority call for service. The call indicated a male, Black, was hitting a female adult. While enroute to the location, the call was updated, which indicated a naked female was hitting a male. Deputies Sanchez and Nava responded to the indicated location because an assault was in progress.

Upon arrival, security personnel pointed to Suspect Sutton, who was standing in the parking lot. Security personnel advised Deputy Sanchez that Suspect Sutton was the person indicated in the call. Due to the nature of the call, coupled with an assault in progress, Deputy Sanchez planned to detain Suspect Sutton as a felony suspect, pending a domestic violence investigation (**Deputy Sanchez' transcripts, page 7**).

As Deputy Sanchez drove toward Suspect Sutton, he noticed Suspect Sutton was wearing a backpack. Suspect Sutton was holding onto a stroller, which contained bags of unknown items. Deputy Sanchez parked his vehicle approximately 20 to 30 feet away from Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez approached Suspect Sutton from the left while Deputy Nava approached from the right.

Deputy Sanchez contacted Suspect Sutton and asked him what was going on. Suspect Sutton did not respond. Deputy Sanchez asked Suspect Sutton if he was involved in a physical altercation with his girlfriend. Suspect Sutton asked

Deputy Sanchez why he was being harassed. Deputy Sanchez explained to Suspect Sutton that someone reported he had assaulted a female.

Deputy Sanchez attempted to detain Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez used his right hand to grip Suspect Sutton's right wrist. As Deputy Sanchez attempted to lift Suspect Sutton's hand from the stroller, he (Suspect Sutton) immediately tensed his upper body and moved up and down. Suspect Sutton tightened his grip of the stroller handle, preventing Deputy Sanchez from removing the stroller from his grasp. Deputy Sanchez maintained a hold of Suspect Sutton's right wrist to prevent him from fleeing or reaching for weapons.

Deputy Sanchez explained to Suspect Sutton that someone reported he was involved in a physical altercation with a female. Deputy Sanchez informed Suspect Sutton he (Deputy Sanchez) was going to conduct a pat-down search. Deputy Sanchez repeatedly ordered Suspect Sutton to release his hold of the stroller (**Deputy Sanchez' transcripts, page 12**).

Suspect Johnson walked up as Deputies Sanchez and Nava were attempting to detain Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson immediately intervened and pushed Deputy Sanchez with her left hand. Deputy Sanchez ordered Suspect Johnson to step away. Suspect Johnson placed herself between Deputy Sanchez and Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez pushed Suspect Johnson away from Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez grabbed Suspect Sutton by his backpack and took him down to the ground (**Deputy Sanchez' transcripts, page 12**).

Suspect Johnson jumped on top of Suspect Sutton as Deputy Sanchez tried to remove the stroller from his grasp. Suspect Johnson held Suspect Sutton in a "bear hug." Deputy Sanchez gave Suspect Sutton several commands to release the stroller. Deputy Sanchez repeatedly ordered Suspect Johnson to release her hold of Suspect Sutton. Suspects Sutton and Johnson did not comply with the orders. Deputy Sanchez warned Suspects Sutton and Johnson three times they would be sprayed with OC if they did not comply. Suspects Sutton and Johnson did not comply with the orders. Deputy Sanchez retrieved his OC spray and sprayed Suspects Sutton and Johnson in the face for two to three seconds (**Deputy Sanchez' transcripts, pages 14 - 15**). Deputy Sanchez accidentally sprayed himself in his face. The exposure to OC spray caused Deputy Sanchez to temporarily lose sight in his right eye. Shortly thereafter, Suspect Johnson released her hold of Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez handcuffed Suspect Johnson. Deputy Sanchez positioned himself in front of Suspect Sutton and pulled the stroller away from him. A short time later, Suspect Johnson returned and attempted to intervene. Deputy Nava moved Suspect Johnson away and placed her on the ground.

Deputy Sanchez gave Suspect Sutton commands to lie face down on the ground. Suspect Sutton refused to comply with the commands. Suspect Sutton pushed against Deputy Sanchez and attempted to stand up from a seated position.

Deputy Sanchez feared Suspect Sutton was attempting to escape or arm himself with a weapon. Due to this, coupled with the fact Suspect Sutton had not been searched for weapons, Deputy Sanchez delivered a right knee strike to Suspect Sutton's left ribcage area (**Deputy Sanchez' transcripts, pages 16 - 17**). The knee strike had minimal effect and Suspect Sutton remained seated. Deputy Sanchez grabbed Suspect Sutton by his right arm and pushed him to the ground. Once on the ground, Deputies Sanchez and Nava handcuffed Suspect Sutton without further incident.

### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY JUAN NAVA – IAB INTERVIEW 1**

On September 30, 2020, IAB Sergeants Louis Serrano and Luan Dang interviewed Deputy Nava at the Internal Affairs Bureau Office, in the City of Commerce. Attorney Amy Johnson, from Rains Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC, attended the interview and represented Deputy Nava.

During the interview, IAB investigators read Deputy Nava the Department's Video Advisement form and provided him the opportunity to review video footage from Motel 6 video surveillance system.

On June 6, 2020, Deputy Nava was assigned to Industry Station on day shift, as Unit 142A3. Deputy Nava was assigned to a uniformed position and he was working patrol in a marked police vehicle. Deputy Nava worked with a partner, Deputy Sanchez. Deputy Sanchez was driving and Deputy Nava was the passenger.

Deputies Nava and Sanchez responded to Motel 6 regarding a "Disturbance" call for service. The call indicated a male, Black, had hit a female adult. Deputy Nava had prior knowledge Motel 6 housed individuals experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. While enroute to the location, Deputy Nava attempted to coordinate a response to the call over the L-Tac radio channel. During this time, the call was updated, which indicated a female was naked and was hitting a male. Deputies Sanchez and Nava responded to the location because an assault was in progress.

A security guard contacted Deputies Nava and Sanchez upon their arrival. The security guard pointed to a male, Black (Suspect Sutton), who was standing alone in the parking lot. The security guard told Deputy Nava that Suspect Sutton was hitting a female (Suspect Johnson). Deputies Nava and Sanchez believed the call was in fact a domestic violence incident (**Deputy Nava's transcripts, pages 8 - 9**).

Deputy Nava developed a tactical plan prior to contacting Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez was assigned to contact Suspect Sutton while Deputy Nava provided cover. Due to the nature of the call, coupled with an assault in progress, Deputies Nava and Sanchez planned to detain Suspect Sutton as a

felony suspect, pending a domestic violence investigation (**Deputy Nava's transcripts, pages 16, 19**). As Deputies Sanchez and Nava drove toward Suspect Sutton, Deputy Nava noticed he was wearing baggy clothing and a backpack. Suspect Sutton had a "blank stare" and was holding onto a stroller.

Deputy Sanchez parked his patrol vehicle approximately 10 feet away from Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez contacted Suspect Sutton and asked him what was going on. Initially, Suspect Sutton did not acknowledge the deputies. Deputy Sanchez explained to Suspect Sutton that someone reported he was involved in a domestic violence incident. Deputies Nava and Sanchez attempted to detain Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez asked Suspect Sutton to place his hands behind his back.

Deputy Nava tried to push the stroller away from Suspect Sutton. Suspect Sutton tightened his grip on the stroller and moved it toward Deputy Nava. Deputy Nava used his right hand and placed a grip on Suspect Sutton's left wrist. Suspect Sutton tensed his body and pushed the stroller into Deputy Nava, striking his leg (**Deputy Nava's transcripts, page 20**). Deputy Nava used his left hand to place a grip on Suspect Sutton's left wrist. Deputy Nava used his right hand to place a handcuff on Suspect Sutton's left wrist.

Suspect Johnson walked up as Deputies Nava and Sanchez were attempting to handcuff Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson intervened and placed herself between the deputies and Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson demanded Deputies Nava and Sanchez release Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson said she was responsible for assaulting Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson wrapped her arms around Suspect Sutton and held onto him. Deputy Sanchez ordered Suspect Johnson multiple times to release her hold of Suspect Sutton and to step away. Suspect Johnson refused to comply with the orders. Deputies Nava and Sanchez tried to push Suspect Johnson away from Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez grabbed Suspect Sutton by his backpack and took him down to the ground (**Deputy Nava's transcripts, page 25**). Suspect Sutton fell to a seated position, and Suspect Johnson landed on top of him.

Once on the ground, Deputy Nava broadcasted emergency radio traffic he and his partner were involved in a fight. Deputy Sanchez tried to pull Suspect Johnson away from Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson continued to hold onto Suspect Sutton. Deputy Nava tried to pull the stroller away from Suspect Sutton's grasp. Suspect Sutton maintained his grip on the stroller handle with his left hand.

Deputies Nava and Sanchez warned Suspects Sutton and Johnson they would be sprayed with OC spray if they did not comply. Suspects Sutton and Johnson did not comply with the orders. Deputy Nava retrieved his OC spray and sprayed Suspects Sutton and Johnson on their face for approximately three seconds (**Suspect Nava's transcripts, pages 26 - 27**). Deputy Nava accidentally

sprayed himself in his face. The exposure to the OC caused Deputy Nava to have temporarily blurred vision. Shortly thereafter, Suspect Johnson released her hold of Suspect Sutton. Deputy Sanchez removed Suspect Johnson from Suspect Sutton and placed her in handcuffs. Suspect Sutton maintained his hold of the stroller while in a seated position.

Deputy Nava grabbed a hold of Suspect Sutton's left wrist, which had one handcuff attached. Deputy Nava indicated the unattached handcuff was "dangling" (**Deputy Nava's transcripts, page 34**). Deputy Nava feared Suspect Sutton was going to use the handcuff as a weapon. Deputy Nava positioned himself behind Suspect Sutton and tried to pull his arms back. Suspect Sutton remained tensed and did not allow his arms to be placed behind his back.

Suspect Johnson returned a short time later as Deputies Nava and Sanchez struggled to handcuff Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson lunged on top of Deputies Sanchez and Nava (**Suspect Nava's transcripts, pages 10, 26**). Suspect Johnson tried to prevent the deputies from handcuffing Suspect Sutton. Deputy Nava pushed Suspect Johnson away and placed her on the ground in a seated position.

Deputies Nava and Sanchez ordered Suspect Sutton to lie face down on the ground. Deputy Nava told Subject Sutton to lie on his stomach; however, he did not comply. Deputy Nava struggled to control Suspect Sutton, who was still holding onto the stroller with his left hand. Deputy Sanchez positioned himself in front of Suspect Sutton as he pulled the stroller away from the suspect. Deputy Nava remembered Deputy Sanchez delivered a right knee strike to Suspect Sutton's left ribcage area (**Suspect Nava's transcripts, pages 32, 36**). Deputy Sanchez' knee strike had no effect. Deputy Nava placed his right forearm on Suspect Sutton's back and pushed him down to the ground. Once on the ground, Deputies Nava and Sanchez handcuffed Suspect Sutton without further incident.

## **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY JUAN NAVA – IAB INTERVIEW 2**

On April 7, 2021, IAB Sergeants Louis Serrano and Armando Martinez interviewed Deputy Nava at the Internal Affairs Bureau Office, in the City of Commerce. Attorney Amy Johnson, from Rains Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC, attended the interview and represented Deputy Nava.

During the interview, IAB investigator read Deputy Nava the Department's Video Advisement form and provided him the opportunity to review video footage from Motel 6 video surveillance system. The videos refreshed Deputy Nava's recollection regarding his actions on June 6, 2020.

Deputy Nava recalled the incident involving Suspects Sutton and Johnson. Deputies Nava and Sanchez attempted to handcuff Suspect Sutton, who was in

a seated position. Suspect Sutton pushed against him while maintaining a hold of the stroller. While in position behind Suspect Sutton, Deputy Nava placed his left forearm on the back of Suspect Sutton's head and neck area. Deputy Nava pushed down on his forearm and attempted to guide Suspect Sutton down to his stomach (**Deputy Nava's transcripts, page 5**). Deputy Nava said his elbow slipped off Suspect Sutton. Deputy Nava repositioned his elbow on the same area, behind Suspect Sutton's head and neck area (**Deputy Nava's transcripts, pages 5 - 6**). Deputy Nava pushed down in an effort to guide Suspect Sutton to the ground. Deputies Nava and Sanchez pushed Suspect Sutton to the ground and onto his stomach. Deputies Nava and Sanchez handcuffed Suspect Sutton without further incident.

Deputy Nava acknowledged he initially documented that he struck Suspect Sutton with his right elbow. Deputy Nava stated he did not strike Suspect Sutton with his right elbow (**Deputy Nava's transcripts, pages 5 - 6**).

#### **WITNESS EMPLOYEE MICHAEL COBERG**

On April 22, 2021, IAB Sergeant Louis Serrano interviewed Deputy Coberg at Aero Bureau, in the City of Long Beach.

During the interview, the IAB investigator read Deputy Coberg the Department's Video Advisement form and provided him the opportunity to review video footage from Motel 6 video surveillance system.

On June 6, 2020, Deputy Coberg was assigned to Aero Bureau as a Tactical Flight Deputy. Deputy Coberg worked with a partner, Pilot Deputy Weinmann. Deputies Weinmann and Coberg responded to Motel 6 to provide air support to units involved in a call. As Deputy Coberg arrived overhead, he saw deputies engaged with two individuals on the ground. Deputy Coberg was approximately 400 feet above the incident.

Deputy Coberg believed two deputies were attempting to detain the individuals. Deputy Coberg said from his position, it appeared deputies were possibly involved in a fight. Deputy Coberg broadcasted emergency radio traffic indicating deputies were possibly involved in a fight (**Witness Coberg's transcripts, page 4**). Deputy Coberg requested back-up and directed responding units to the location. During the incident, Deputy Coberg asked ground units over the radio for an update. Deputies indicated to Deputy Coberg they did not need any further assistance. Deputy Coberg said the deputies detained a female wearing a red dress or red robe.

#### **WITNESS EMPLOYEE SERGEANT MATTHEW SHACKELFORD**

On April 1, 2021, IAB Sergeants Louis Serrano and Armando Martinez interviewed Sergeant Shackelford at Industry Station.

On June 6, 2020, Sergeant Shackelford was assigned to Industry Station on day shift as a field supervisor, Unit 140S. Sergeant Shackelford heard emergency radio traffic indicating deputies were involved in a fight at Motel 6. Sergeant Shackelford responded to the scene within five to six minutes. Sergeant Shackelford said both suspects were detained prior to his arrival.

Deputies Sanchez and Nava reported their use of force to Sergeant Shackelford, upon his arrival. Deputies Sanchez and Nava completed an Incident Report and Supplemental Report, which documented their actions and observations related to this incident. Sergeant Shackelford said Deputies Sanchez' and Nava's reports were consistent with the statements they provided.

#### **WITNESS EMPLOYEE SERGEANT HASSAN ITANI**

On April 1, 2021, IAB Sergeants Louis Serrano and Armando Martinez interviewed Sergeant Itani at Industry Station.

On June 6, 2020, Sergeant Itani was assigned to Industry Station on day shift as a field supervisor, Unit 142S. Sergeant Itani worked with a partner, Sergeant Ha. Sergeants Itani and Ha responded to the Motel 6 regarding deputies involved in a fight. Sergeants Itani and Ha responded to the scene within two minutes. Sergeant Itani believed both suspects were detained prior to their arrival.

Deputies Sanchez and Nava reported their use of force to Sergeant Itani, upon his arrival. Once the scene was secure, Sergeant Itani canvassed the area for witnesses. Sergeant Itani made announcements asking anyone who witnessed the incident to contact him. Sergeant Itani interviewed Witnesses [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. The interviews were video recorded and transcribed [EXHIBIT C - SERGEANT ITANI/VIDEOS 1 - 4].

#### **WITNESS [REDACTED] - INDUSTRY STATION INTERVIEW**

On June 6, 2020, Sergeant Hassan Itani interviewed Witness [REDACTED] at Motel 6, located in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights. The interview was video recorded [EXHIBIT C - SERGEANT ITANI/VIDEO 1].

Witness [REDACTED] said a male and female were involved in a violent fight inside room [REDACTED]. Witness [REDACTED] stated the female claimed the male assaulted her. The female requested police to respond to arrest the male (Witness [REDACTED]'s transcripts, page 1). Witness [REDACTED] said the female threw items outside of the room and blocked the door as deputies arrived. Witness [REDACTED] heard the male yell to deputies that the female assaulted him.

The deputies contacted the male, who was holding onto a stroller. The deputies asked the male to calm down. Witness [REDACTED] said the deputies attempted to



de-escalate the situation (Witness ██████'s transcripts, page 2). As the deputies tried to remove the male's hands from the stroller, he moved the stroller around and used it as a barrier. The deputies told the male to place his hands behind his back. The male was angry and was not receptive to their commands. The male pushed the stroller into the deputies. Witness ██████ said the male resisted deputies and threw his arms "all over the place" (Witness ██████'s transcripts, page 2).

Witness ██████ said the female arrived as deputies were attempting to control the male. The female intervened and jumped on the male, which caused them both to fall to the ground. The deputies tried to pull the female away from the male. The deputies ask the female if she could please remove herself from the male and step away. One of the deputies eventually removed the female from the male. Once the female was removed, she returned and jumped on the male again.

#### **WITNESS ██████ - IAB INTERVIEW**

On July 13, 2020, IAB Sergeant Louis Serrano interviewed Witness ██████ at Motel 6, located in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights.

Witness ██████ worked as a registered nurse, and she was assigned to provide medical services to people at Motel 6. Witness ██████ recalled the incident that involved Suspects Sutton and Johnson. Witness ██████ stated she was assigned to the nurses' staff station inside room 107. At approximately 0900 hours, Witness ██████ heard Suspects Sutton and Johnson arguing outside of room ██████.

Suspect Johnson yelled to staff members that her boyfriend (Suspect Sutton) hit her the night before and the morning of the incident. She told staff members Suspect Sutton slammed the door and threw items inside their room. Suspect Johnson asked staff members to call the police. Suspect Sutton stepped outside of room ██████ just prior to the arrival of deputies.

Upon arrival, two deputies contacted Suspect Johnson, who stated her boyfriend (Suspect Sutton) assaulted her. Suspect Johnson told deputies she wanted Suspect Sutton to go to jail. The deputies contacted Suspect Sutton, who was holding onto a stroller. The deputies asked Suspect Sutton to put out his cigarette. Suspect Sutton did not comply and started yelling at the deputies. Witness ██████ believed Suspect Sutton said something to the effect that he was not going back to jail. Suspect Sutton told the deputies Suspect Johnson should go to jail. Suspect Sutton became very upset when questioned by the deputies. Witness ██████ said Suspect Sutton looked aggressive and threatening (Witness ██████'s transcripts, page 9). The deputies spoke to Suspect Sutton in a calm manner and in a normal tone. Witness ██████ said the deputies had a difficult time trying to calm Suspect Sutton down.

The deputies asked Suspect Sutton multiple times to place his hands behind his back; however, he did not comply (**Witness ██████'s transcripts, page 12**). Witness ██████ believed a deputy tried to place Suspect Sutton's hands behind his back. Suspect Sutton resisted by thrashing his arms around. Witness ██████ said Suspect Sutton's chest was "puffed out" and his body was in a "squared off" stance. Suspect Sutton gripped the stroller with both hands and tried to push it into the deputies. Suspect Sutton moved the stroller off of the ground and attempted to hit the deputies with it (**Witness ██████'s transcripts, page 16**).

Suspect Sutton went to his knees and then to the ground. Once on the ground face-down, Suspect Sutton thrashed his arms around. While in a fetal position, Suspect Sutton brought up both arms and thrashed his body upwards. Both deputies gave Suspect Sutton verbal commands to stop resisting (**Witness ██████'s transcripts, page 18**).

As deputies were attempting to gain control of Suspect Sutton, Suspect Johnson intervened and jumped on one of the deputies. Suspect Johnson grabbed the deputy's belt and leg. Suspect Johnson pleaded with the deputies not to arrest Suspect Sutton. Once the deputy removed Subject Johnson from his leg, she grabbed Suspect Sutton and wrapped her arms around his arm or waist. The deputies repeatedly asked Suspect Johnson to release her hold of Suspect Sutton.

Both deputies warned Suspect Johnson multiple times she would be pepper-sprayed if she did not comply. Suspect Johnson maintained her hold of Suspect Sutton. Witness ██████ said a deputy pepper-sprayed Suspect Johnson. The pepper spray had a minimal effect on Suspect Johnson. Suspect Johnson tensed her body and maintained a tight hold of Suspect Sutton. After approximately one minute, Suspect Johnson released her hold of Suspect Sutton.

Suspect Sutton yelled, flailed his body about, and attempted to stand up (**Witness ██████'s transcripts, pages 25, 28**). The deputies held Suspect Sutton's hands behind his back and prevented him from standing up. The deputies eventually handcuffed Suspect Sutton. Witness ██████ believed it took the deputies approximately five minutes to handcuff Suspect Sutton. Once Suspect Sutton was handcuffed, he moved around and tried to stand up. Witness ██████ was standing approximately 10 to 15 feet away from Suspects Sutton and Johnson.

#### **WITNESS ██████**

On June 6, 2020, Sergeant Hassan Itani interviewed Witness ██████ at Motel 6, located in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights. The interview was video recorded [**EXHIBIT C - SERGEANT ITANI/VIDEO 2**].

Witness [REDACTED] was employed as a disaster worker and was assigned to Motel 6. Witness [REDACTED] said police were called to the scene because of a domestic violence incident involving a male and female assigned to room [REDACTED]. Witness [REDACTED] stated the couple was arguing and throwing items at each other (Witness [REDACTED]'s transcripts, page 2). She believed the male and female possibly slapped one another. Witness [REDACTED] indicated the incident had been ongoing from the night before.

Witness [REDACTED] said the deputies contacted a "male" upon their arrival. The deputies asked staff members if the "male" was the involved party. The staff members responded, "Yes" (Witness [REDACTED]'s transcripts, page 2). Shortly thereafter, the deputies arrested the male. Witness [REDACTED] stated the deputies did not question the male prior to his arrest. Witness [REDACTED] said the deputies did not inform the male the reason for his arrest. Witness [REDACTED] further stated the male told deputies he was disabled as they tried to handcuff him.

Witness [REDACTED] said the deputies placed the male on the ground and tried to arrest him (Witness [REDACTED]'s transcripts, pages 2 - 3). The female arrived as the deputies attempted to handcuff the male. The female tried to prevent the deputies from handcuffing the male (Witness [REDACTED]'s transcripts, page 3). The deputies tried to remove the female from the male. The female indicated to the deputies she was the reason they were called to the motel.

Witness [REDACTED] heard the deputies state the male was resisting. Witness [REDACTED] said the male did not resist arrest. Witness [REDACTED] stated the male was unable to move to the ground due to his disability. Witness [REDACTED] believed the male did not have the ability to bend his leg. Witness [REDACTED] said the deputies sprayed the male because he would not go down to the ground (Witness [REDACTED]'s transcripts, page 3). Witness [REDACTED] said the deputies were unable to take the male to the ground completely. During the struggle, the deputies kicked the stroller and food items to the side.

Once on the ground, the deputies were able to handcuff the male. Witness [REDACTED] stated the deputies arrested the male and female. The deputies did not read the male or female their rights. Witness [REDACTED] felt the deputies did not make an effort to de-escalate the situation (Witness [REDACTED]'s transcripts, page 4).

**IAB Note:** On April 8, 2021, IAB investigators contacted Witness [REDACTED] by phone. Witness [REDACTED] declined to participate in an interview.

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

On June 6, 2020, Sergeant Hassan Itani interviewed Witness [REDACTED] inside the Intake Office at Motel 6, located in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights. The interview was video recorded [EXHIBIT C - SERGEANT ITANI/VIDEO 3].

At approximately 0800 hours, Witness [REDACTED] heard a male and female arguing with one another. The female told Witness [REDACTED] the male hit her the night before. Witness [REDACTED] called police to report the incident. After Witness [REDACTED] placed the call, the female slapped the male and threw items at him. Witness [REDACTED] called police a second time to report the assault (Witness [REDACTED]'s transcripts, page 2).

Upon arrival, the deputies contacted a male, who was holding onto a cart. The deputies attempted to talk with the male. The deputies tried to handcuff the male; however, he maintained his grip of the cart. The female intervened and tried to push the deputies. Witness [REDACTED] stated a deputy pushed the female. A deputy attempted to handcuff the female, but she resisted. Witness [REDACTED] heard deputies warn the male and female approximately five times they would be pepper-sprayed (Witness [REDACTED]'s transcripts, page 2). Witness [REDACTED] said the male and female "kept going" and were pepper-sprayed by the deputies. Witness [REDACTED] stated two deputies accidentally pepper-sprayed themselves. The deputies were eventually able to handcuff the male and female.

**IAB Note:** On April 23, 2021, IAB investigators responded to Witness [REDACTED]'s residence at 1187 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, in the City of Los Angeles. IAB investigators were unable to contact Witness [REDACTED]. On April 24, 2021, Witness [REDACTED] contacted IAB investigators by phone. Witness [REDACTED] declined to participate in an interview due to his work schedule.

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

On June 6, 2020, Sergeant Hassan Itani interviewed Witness [REDACTED] at Motel 6, located in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights. The interview was video recorded [EXHIBIT C - SERGEANT ITANI/VIDEO 4].

Witness [REDACTED] learned a male and female had been involved in a disturbance the night before the incident. Witness [REDACTED] coworkers informed him the female claimed her boyfriend hit her. Witness [REDACTED] heard a male and female arguing with one another. Witnesses [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attempted to resolve the issue; however, the male and female refused to follow their orders. Witness [REDACTED] said the male was shouting back at them. Witness [REDACTED] stated Witness [REDACTED] called the police to report the incident.

Witness [REDACTED] said the deputies contacted the male upon their arrival. The male resisted the deputies as they tried to arrest him. Witness [REDACTED] heard a deputy tell the male to stop resisting. The male continued to resist as the deputies struggled to arrest him. Witness [REDACTED] stated the female intervened and tried to protect the male (**Witness [REDACTED] transcripts, page 2**). Witness [REDACTED] said the male fell to the ground. Once on the ground, the female positioned her body on top of the male. The female tried to protect the male as deputies struggled to handcuff him. Witness [REDACTED] said the deputies grabbed the female and removed her from the male.

**IAB Note:** On April 23, 2021, IAB investigators responded to Witness [REDACTED] residence at [REDACTED]. IAB investigators were unable to contact Witness [REDACTED]. Later that day, Witness [REDACTED] contacted IAB investigators by phone and declined to participate in an interview. Witness [REDACTED] said he did not have additional details related to the incident.

#### **ADDITIONAL WITNESS STATEMENTS**

*Detective Marez interviewed Witnesses [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the scene of the incident. The interviews were not audio or video recorded. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Detective Marez' Supplemental Report [EXHIBIT A].*

#### **WITNESS [REDACTED]**

On June 6, 2020, Detective Marez interviewed Witness [REDACTED] at Motel 6, located in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights.

Witness [REDACTED] was employed as a disaster service worker and was assigned to Motel 6. Witness [REDACTED] noticed Suspects Sutton and Johnson standing in the parking lot, outside of their motel room. Witness [REDACTED] saw Suspect Johnson throw items at Suspect Sutton. Suspect Johnson was acting very aggressive toward Suspect Sutton. Once the deputies arrived, Suspect Johnson ran toward Suspect Sutton and grabbed him from behind. The deputies were unable to control Suspect Sutton because Suspect Johnson would not release her hold of him. Witness [REDACTED] saw Suspects Sutton and Johnson lose their balance and fall to the ground. Once on the ground, the deputies attempted to gain control of both suspects. Witness [REDACTED] said additional deputies arrived and provided assistance [EXHIBIT A].

**IAB Note:** On April 8, 2021, IAB investigators contacted Witness [REDACTED] by phone. Witness [REDACTED] declined to participate in an interview, stating she did not have any additional details.

## WITNESS [REDACTED]

On June 6, 2020, Detective Marez interviewed Witness [REDACTED] at Motel 6, located in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights.

Witness [REDACTED] was employed as a disaster service worker and was assigned to Motel 6. Witness [REDACTED] noticed Suspects Sutton and Johnson arguing with one another. Witness [REDACTED] saw Suspect Johnson push Suspect Sutton outside their motel room. Witness [REDACTED] said deputies approached and contacted Suspect Sutton upon their arrival. Suspect Johnson held onto Suspect Sutton and prevented deputies from gaining control of him (Suspect Sutton). Witness [REDACTED] stated she did not see the entire incident [EXHIBIT A].

**IAB Note:** On April 8, 2021, IAB investigators contacted Witness [REDACTED] by phone. Witness [REDACTED] declined to participate in an interview, stating the incident happened a long time ago.

## SUSPECT EARL SUTTON

On June 6, 2020, IAB Sergeants Louis Serrano and Connie Delgado interviewed Suspect Sutton at Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center. The interview was video recorded [EXHIBIT C - SERGEANT SERRANO/VIDEO 1].

On May 18, 2020, Suspect Sutton was provided housing at Motel 6 through a homeless program. Suspect Sutton resided with his friend, Suspect Johnson, in room [REDACTED]. At approximately 0800 hours, Suspect Sutton was involved in an argument with Suspect Johnson inside their motel room. Suspect Sutton said Suspect Johnson acted "wild" and "out of order." Suspect Sutton stated staff members and security personnel were notified of the disturbance. Suspect Sutton waited outside their motel room once he realized police were enroute.

Upon arrival, Suspect Sutton said the driver of the patrol vehicle immediately placed a handcuff on his right wrist, stating he was under arrest. Suspect Sutton believed he was handcuffed without probable cause (**Suspect Sutton's transcripts, page 2**). Suspect Sutton did not understand the reason why the deputy grabbed his wrist. Suspect Sutton stated the deputy should have talked to him first.

Suspect Sutton indicated to deputies they detained the wrong person. Suspect Sutton explained he was disabled and asked the deputies to remove the handcuff. The deputies pushed and pulled Suspect Sutton, while he was holding onto a stroller with both hands. The deputies told Suspect Sutton they did not care he was disabled. Suspect Sutton refused to allow the deputy to place a handcuff on his left wrist (**Suspect Sutton's transcripts, page 10**). The deputies tried to remove the stroller from Suspect Sutton's grasp; however, he maintained his grip of the handle with his left hand.

Suspect Sutton said the deputies knocked him down "backwards," causing him to fall and hit his head and upper back on the ground (**Suspect Sutton's transcripts, pages 19 - 20**). The deputies jumped on him once he was on the ground. The deputies placed a knee on his back and forced his arm back. Suspect Sutton's right hand remained handcuffed and he continued to hold onto the stroller with his left hand.

Suspect Johnson arrived at the scene and explained to deputies that Suspect Sutton was disabled. Suspect Sutton heard a deputy tell Suspect Johnson to move back (**Suspect Sutton's transcripts, page 25**). Suspect Johnson jumped on top of him while he was lying on the ground. Suspect Sutton believed Suspect Johnson was trying to protect him from being beaten by the deputies. The deputies removed Suspect Johnson from Suspect Sutton and placed a knee on her back, while she was on her stomach. Suspect Sutton heard a deputy count to three before pepper-spraying him in his face (**Suspect Sutton's transcripts, page 26**). After being pepper-sprayed, he rolled onto his stomach and maintained his grip of the stroller. Suspect Sutton did not pose a threat when he was pepper-sprayed. Suspect Sutton initially said a deputy removed the stroller from his grasp. Suspect Sutton then stated he released his grip of the stroller and placed his hands behind his back. Deputies handcuffed Suspect Sutton and placed him in the back seat of a police vehicle.

Suspect Sutton consumed two beers and smoked marijuana the night before the incident. Suspect Sutton suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) during a traffic collision in 2012. He was permanently disabled and suffered from gait impairment and right side atrophy (**Suspect Sutton's transcripts, page 21**). Suspect Sutton was under the care of a neurological doctor. Suspect Sutton was prescribed Baclofen and Vicodin; however, he had not taken either medications for the past month or two.

Suspect Sutton complained of pain to his head and his neck. Suspect Sutton suffered scratches to his arms and right finger. Suspect Sutton suffered bruising to his right shoulder and right knee.

### **SUSPECT CINZIA JOHNSON**

On June 6, 2020, IAB Sergeants Louis Serrano and Connie Delgado interviewed Suspect Johnson inside the Industry Station jail. The interview was video recorded [**EXHIBIT C - SERGEANT SERRANO/VIDEOS 2 - 3**]. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Suspect Johnson was provided housing at Motel 6 through a homeless program called "Project Roomkey." Suspect Johnson resided with her ex-boyfriend, Suspect Sutton, in room [REDACTED]

At approximately 0800 hours, Suspect Johnson was involved in an argument with Suspect Sutton. The argument took place inside and outside their room.

Suspect Johnson planned to pack her belongings and leave the motel. Fearing Suspect Sutton would continue to "taunt" her while she packed, Suspect Johnson asked a staff member to call the police (**Suspect Johnson's transcripts, pages 7 - 8**). Suspect Johnson believed a "keep the peace" call would be placed to the police.

Upon arrival, the deputies contacted Suspect Sutton, who was standing outside the room. Suspect Johnson said a deputy immediately placed a handcuff on Suspect Sutton's left wrist, while he (Suspect Sutton) was holding onto his stroller. Suspect Sutton yelled at the deputies, stating they had the wrong person. Suspect Sutton told the deputies he was disabled and asked why he was being arrested. Suspect Johnson explained to the deputies she was the reason they were called to the motel. Suspect Johnson heard deputies tell Suspect Sutton to stop resisting (**Suspect Johnson's transcripts, page 13**). Suspect Johnson yelled to the deputies they detained the wrong person. Suspect Sutton attempted to hold himself up before the deputies took him to the ground (**Suspect Johnson's transcripts, page 18**). Suspect Sutton held onto the stroller as he was taken to the ground.

Suspect Johnson placed herself on her knees and attempted to protect Suspect Sutton from the deputies. Once on the ground, the deputies pepper-sprayed Suspect Sutton. She attempted to cover Suspect Sutton with her robe while he was pepper-sprayed (**Suspect Johnson's transcripts, page 24**). Suspect Johnson lost her robe and became naked as she tried to shield Suspect Sutton's face. Suspect Johnson told Suspect Sutton to cover his eyes. She heard Suspect Sutton screaming he was hurt and could not breathe. Suspect Johnson continued to explain to deputies that Suspect Sutton was disabled. The deputies pepper-sprayed Suspect Johnson. Suspect Johnson was handcuffed and placed in the back seat of a patrol vehicle. Suspect Johnson said she started "beating" her head against the vehicle's door because she could not breathe (**Suspect Johnson's transcripts, page 30**).

Suspect Johnson did not consume alcohol or drugs prior to this incident. Subject Johnson was taking medication for anxiety on an as-needed basis. Subject Johnson was unable to remember name of medication. Suspect Johnson complained of pain to her head. Suspect Johnson said she suffered bruising her legs.